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GOD made Man in His own Image, in the Image of GOD made He him.

Bowed by the weight
of centuries he leans
Upon his hoe and
gazes on the ground,

The emptiness of ages in his
face,

And on his back the burden
of the world.

The Man with the Hoe



ho loosened and let down
this brutal jaw?



hose was the hand that
slanted back this brow?



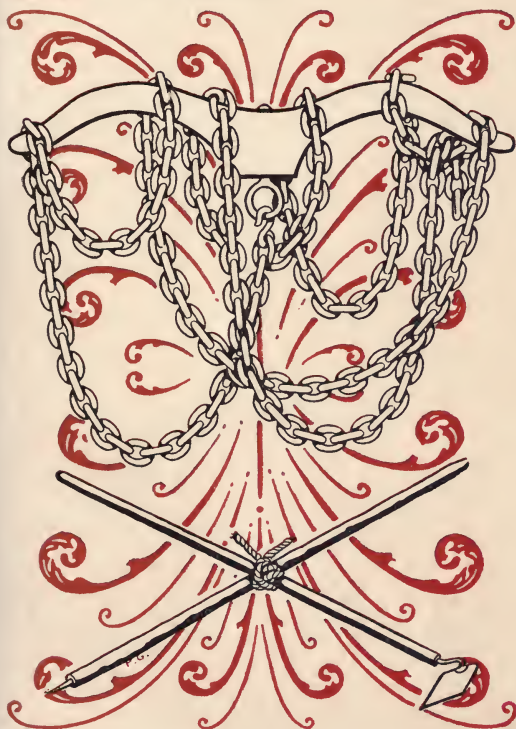
hose breath blew out the
light within this brain?



The Man with the Hoe



ho made him dead to rap-
ture and despair,
thing that grieves not and
that never hopes,
tolid and stunned, a brother
to the ox?



The Man with the Hoe



s this the Thing the Lord
God made and gave
o have dominion over sea
and land;
o trace the stars and search
the heavens for power;
o feel the passion of Eter-
nity?



The Man with the Hoe

As this the Dream He dreamed
who shaped the suns
And pillared the blue firma-
ment with light?





The Man with the Hoe

Down all the stretch of hell
to its last gulf
Chere is no shape more terri-
ble than this—
More tongued with censure of
the world's blind greed—
More filled with signs and por-
tents for the soul—
More fraught with menace to
the universe.



The Man with the Hoe



W hat gulfs between him and
the seraphim !

S lave of the wheel of labor,
what to him

Q uere Plato and the swing of
Pleiades?

W hat the long reaches of the
peaks of song,

C he rift of dawn, the redden-
ing of the rose?



'The Man with the Hoe



hrough this dread shape the
suffering ages look ;

ime's tragedy is in that
aching stoop ;

hrough this dread shape
humanity betrayed,

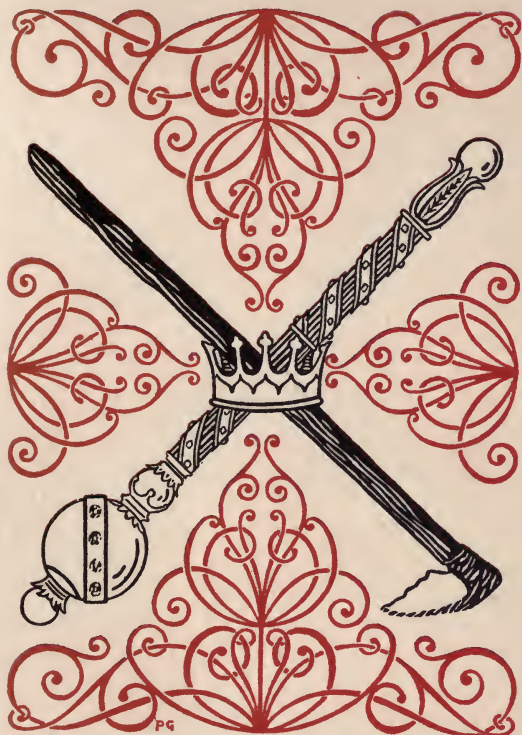
lundered, profaned and dis-
inherited,

ries protest to the Judges of
the World,

protest that is also proph-
ecy.



The Man with the Hoe



masters, lords and rulers in
all lands,

s this the handiwork you
give to God,

his monstrous thing distorted
and soul-quenched?

The Man with the Hoe

How will you ever straighten
up this shape;
Give back the upward looking
and the light;
Rebuild in it the music and
the dream;
Couch it again with immor-
tality;
Make right the immemorial
infamies,
Perfidious wrongs, immedica-
ble woes?



The Man with the Hoe



masters, lords and rulers in
all lands,

ow will the Future reckon
with this Man?

ow answer his brute question
in that hour

hen whirlwinds of rebellion
shake the world?

The Man with the Hoe

H

ow will it be with kingdoms
and with kings—

W

ith those who shaped him to
the thing he is—

W

hen this dumb Terror shall
reply to God,

A

fter the silence of the cen-
turies?



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